

**Town of Royalston
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Andrew West, Chairman and Thomas Kellner, Clerk.

Absent: Linda Alger, Member.

1. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
2. The minutes of the 6/27/06 meeting were read. One change was made and noted. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. West seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. The minutes of the 7/11/06 meeting were also read. Mr. Kellner moved to accept the minutes as read, with Mr. West seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) Invoices from MRPC for mapping relating to the Zoning Project, Mass. Municipal Association for dues, and Paul Bobrowski for legal work for the Zoning Project were approved for payment.
 - b) The next meeting of the Zoning Task Force is scheduled for Thursday, 7/27/06 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The proposed changes and additions to the Zoning Bylaws will be reviewed.
 - c) Mr. West has received a letter from a Pleasant Street resident requesting that the Board considers implementing a curfew in town. Mr. Kellner felt that this is very extreme and that the police department should be asked to increase patrols in the Pleasant Street area instead.
4. Department Head Reports:
 - a) DPW –
 - 1) The long-range goals for the department will be discussed at a later date when the entire Board is present.
 - 2) Keith Newton reported that he has discovered a sinkhole in the new bridge over Scott Brook on Turnpike Road. He has determined that beavers or muskrats caused the damage. Mass. Highway has stated that since the bridgework was considered maintenance work, they are not responsible for repairing the damage. Mr. Newton will work on filling in the hole with flowable fill.
 - 3) Mr. Newton requested the Board's signatures on paperwork relating to the lease/purchase agreement for the new grader.
 - 4) The summer work schedule is going along well. Brush cutting has been completed at each intersection.
 - 5) The new truck should arrive in the near future.
 - b) Animal Control Officer – Robin Mowrey asked if the dog hearing relating to the recent dog bite incident has been scheduled. Mr. West will schedule the hearing for 8/22/06. He will also work on sending out the letters to leash law violators as requested by Mr. Mowrey.

5. Old Business:

- a) Conflict of Interest Law RE: Fire Department: Mr. West stated that he has done research on this law. A brief discussion was held. Mr. Kellner and Mr. West decided to postpone any further discussion or action until the full Board was present.
- 6. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
- 7. Mr. West stated that he would not be available to attend the 8/8/06 meeting. The possibility of changing the meeting date to 8/1/06 was discussed.
- 8. At 8:12 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton via audiotape.